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# TIANCHENG INTERNATIONAL JEWELLERY AND JADEITE AUTUMN AUCTION 2019

Highlighting Magnificent Gemstones, Diamonds and Jadeite

Preview: 22 – 26 Nov | Auction: 27 Nov



Lot 161/31.44-Carat Natural Unheated Burmese "Pigeon's Blood" Ruby and Diamond Ring Estimate: HK\$ 22,000,000 - 32,000,000 / US\$ 2,820,000 - 4,100,000

HONG KONG, 1 Nov 2019 Tiancheng International Jewellery and Jadeite Autumn Auction will take place on 27 November, offering over 210 lots of handpicked jewellery and jadeite pieces. Leading the auction is an astonishing 31.44-carat Burmese "Pigeon's Blood" Ruby Ring. The sale is also highlighted by a finely translucent emerald green jadeite bangle and a stunning pair of 24.93 and 23.80-carat Colombian Emerald Earrings by Graff. They are complemented by a lavish selection of coloured gemstones and outstanding pieces by acclaimed jewellers and designers that will delight all connoisseurs.

Ms. Connie Huang, Head of Tiancheng International's Jewellery Department, remarks, "Tiancheng International has always striven to present jewellery of remarkable quality. This season, we are thrilled to offer one of the most significant rubies on the auction market over the past decade. Hailing from Burma, this natural unheated ruby boasts a staggering weight of 31.44 carats. Added to that is the most desirable "pigeon's blood" colour, making this majestic stone an irresistible choice for discerning collectors."

The Preview of the Autumn Auction will be held from 22 to 26 November (10am to 6pm), and the Auction will take place on 27 November 2019 (Wednesday, 1pm) at 30/F Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong.

# **COLOURED GEMSTONES**

#### Lot 161

31.44-Carat Natural Unheated Burmese "Pigeon's Blood" Ruby and Diamond Ring; Diamonds together weighing approx. 7.70 carats Estimate: HK\$ 22,000,000 - 32,000,000 / US\$ 2,820,000 - 4,100,000

Among the numerous sources of rubies across the world, Burma is doubtless the most prestigious. Pigeon's blood rubies are exceptional and highly prized by connoisseurs. However, as ruby mines are virtually depleted, sizeable natural Burmese pigeon's blood rubies of high calibre are like gold dust. Weighing over 30 carats, this natural unheated Burmese ruby is suffused



with an intense "pigeon's blood" hue. With an impressive size and sheer brilliance, this spectacular piece stands as one of the most important rubies to have appeared on the auction market over the past decade.



#### Lot 110

24.93 and 23.80-Carat Natural Colombian Emerald and Diamond Earrings, Graff; Diamonds together weighing 6.80 carats

Estimate: HK\$ 10,000,000 - 15,000,000 / US\$ 1,280,000 - 1,920,000

One of the most celebrated jewellers in the world, Graff unlocks the radiance of refined gemstones by its dexterity and aesthetic vision, developing a distinctive style that speaks perfection. This pair of nicely matched Colombian emerald emanates pronounced green colour with a

hint of blue. They are complemented by four sparkling diamonds of internally flawless to VVS2 clarity, marking the epitome of sophistication. The glamour of the main stones is accentuated by the contrasting shape of cushion-cut emeralds and step-cut diamonds, encapsulating Graff's endeavours in creating timeless designs.

#### Lot 126

#### **Natural Unheated Sapphire and Diamond Bracelet**

Estimate: HK\$ 2,000,000 - 3,000,000 / US\$ 256,000 - 385,000

This lot comprises 66 mesmerising natural unheated sapphires totalling nearly 100 carats. Some of the sapphires are certified as possessing "royal blue" colour by GemResearch Swisslab (GRS). Adding to the splendour are the 24.30-carat white diamonds set alongside the sapphires in an artistic, symmetrical design, giving the bracelet an allure that commands one's instant partiality.



# **DAZZLING DIAMONDS**

Lot 17

#### **30.51-Carat Natural Fancy Intense Yellow Diamond Necklace**

Estimate: HK\$ 4,000,000 - 6,000,000 / US\$ 513,000 - 770,000

The world's most captivating yellow diamonds originate in the legendary Zimmi mine in Sierra Leone. They exude a deep, warm and intense yellow colour with a touch of orange hue that makes the entire stone sparkles with a vivid yellow like the colour of Jonquil. A single yellow diamond originating from the Zimmi mine is immediately a sign of resplendence. This necklace brings together an astonishing 49 Zimmi diamonds weighing a total of 30.51 carats, with sublime golden hues resembling the fiery glint of their regality.





Lot 214

6.06-Carat Natural Fancy Light Pink Diamond Ring
Estimate: HK\$ 3,000,000 - 5,000,000 / US\$ 385,000 - 640,000

Coloured diamonds are highly coveted for their extreme rarity — only one in every 100,000 of the world's diamonds is naturally coloured. In addition to yellow diamonds, Tiancheng International has selected an array of coloured diamonds for jewellery lovers, including a vivacious 6.06-Carat Natural Fancy Light Pink Diamond Ring. Set in a calyx-shaped mount, the pink diamond

dazzles collectors with a pure graceful hue, granting the ring an aura of understated charm.

## Lot 179

### 1.84-Carat Natural Fancy Greenish Blue VS2 Clarity Diamond Ring

Estimate: HK\$ 1,800,000 - 2,800,000 / US\$ 230,000 - 360,000

Among the most sought-after coloured diamonds, along with their pink counterparts, blue diamonds owe their natural colouration to the presence of the element boron during the stone's formation. Accompanying the enthralling lustre of this 1.84-carat natural fancy greenish blue diamond are pink and white diamonds. Striking and eye-catching, this enticing piece deserves pride of place in any private collection.



# **OPULENT JADEITE**

Lot 162

#### **Very Important Jadeite Bangle**

Estimate: HK\$ 25,000,000 - 45,000,000 / US\$ 3,200,000 - 5,770,000

Jadeite bangles have captivated the hearts of many as one of the most classic jadeite pieces. Jadeite bangles of superior quality are exceptionally difficult to come by as they have to be carved from an entire piece of premium-grade boulder. With a diameter of 85.81mm and a thickness of 13.25mm, the present lot of ample proportions is exceedingly valuable. Characterised by its saturated emerald green colour, marvellous luminescence and elegant contours, this outstanding bangle exemplifies the very essence of Chinese culture and virtue.





Lot 215

Jadeite "Laughing Buddha" and Diamond Pendant

Estimate: HK\$ 12,000,000 - 18,000,000 / US\$ 1,540,000 - 2,300,000

Maitreya Buddha, also known as the "Laughing Buddha", has entranced the public imagination with his smile and benign facial expressions. In this lot, the Buddha's facial expression of calmness and benevolence is realistically depicted. Coupled with the arresting sheen of the jadeite, the Buddha is further brought to life, demonstrating a seamless meld of jadeite's spiritual quality and impeccable workmanship.

Lot 111

Jadeite "Fortune Melon" and Diamond Pendant

Estimate: HK\$ 12,000,000 - 18,000,000 / US\$ 1,540,000 - 2,300,000

Ma Na is one of the major old mining areas in Hpakant of Burma, unearthing some of the most desirable jadeite with fine texture and translucency. However, the mining practice is immensely time-consuming and the yields are limited, resulting in the rarity of top quality old-mine Hpakant jadeite. Fashioned as a succulent melon, this splendid piece remains highly translucent despite its sturdy thickness, and radiates an even green hue which is rarely seen in Ma Na jadeite, embodying fortune and fertility.



# **DESIGN PIECES**

Following Tiancheng International's seasoned selections of exquisite jewellery, this sale offers a diverse range of pieces from different jewellery houses and independent designers for eclectic collectors.

#### Aliel

Aliel is particularly known for its ability to breathe life into stones. From the simplest to the most ornate, each Aliel piece reflects a passion for the unusual and a freshness of thought. Tiancheng International presents an assortment of Aliel's masterpieces, including a geometric ring featuring a step-cut diamond and chalcedony, as well as a scintillating yellow diamond ring. Epitomising the impeccable marriage of ingenious designs and first-class gemstones, these are works of art that can be cherished for generations.

**Lot 96** 

3.12-Carat E Colour VS2 Clarity Excellent Polish and Symmetry Diamond and Chalcedony Ring, Aliel

Estimate: HK\$ 450,000 - 650,000 / US\$ 58,000 - 83,300



Lot 207

1.54-Carat Natural Fancy Vivid Yellow VS1 Clarity Diamond, Gem-set and Diamond Ring, Aliel

Estimate: HK\$ 300,000 - 450,000 / US\$ 38,500 - 58,000

#### **Jewellery Theatre**

These two creations are perfect exemplars of Jewellery Theatre's philosophy —— "to combine beauty with art". Accompanied by tsavorite garnet leaves, the delicate amethyst fern flowers are tributes to the true wonders of nature. In Baltic mythology, magical fern flowers only blossom on the eve of the summer solstice, bringing fortune and wealth to whoever discovers them.

Lot 195

12.49 and 12.20-Carat Natural Amethyst, Gem-set and Diamond "Fern" Earrings, Jewellery Theatre

Estimate: HK\$ 36,000 - 56,000 / US\$ 4,600 - 7,200



Lot 196

88.39-Carat Natural Amethyst, Gem-set and Diamond "Fern" Pendant, Jewellery Theatre

Estimate: HK\$ 150,000 - 250,000 / US\$ 19,200 - 32,000



## **Stewart Young**

With an innate sensitivity for high jewellery, Stewart Young creates whimsical conversation pieces. Anchored by the multi-coloured opal, this unique treasure glistens with gemstones as they turn into mice, birds, and Cinderella's iconic glass slipper, bringing the fantasy world of fairy tales to life. The movable wheels of the pumpkin carriage not only make the lot enchanting, but also highlight the meticulous craftsmanship and the designer's dedication to detail.



**Lot 91** 

71.16-Carat Natural Opal, Gem-set and Diamond "Pumpkin Carriage"
Pendant / Brooch, Stewart Young

Diamonds together weighing approx. 5.10 carats

Estimate: HK\$ 188,000 - 288,000 / US\$ 24,100 - 36,900

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Tiancheng International Jewellery and Jadeite Autumn Auction 2019		
Auction	27 Nov 2019 (Wed)	1pm
Preview	22 to 26 Nov 2019 (Fri – Tue)	10am to 6pm
Venue	Tiancheng International 30/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong	

#### **ABOUT TIANCHENG INTERNATIONAL**

Founded in January 2011, Tiancheng International is an auction house led by a visionary management group and an illustrious team of experts with extensive experience in the international auction business. With a solid understanding of the cultural requirements of clients and a broad vision of the art world, the team aims to explore new frontiers in the Asian auction market. With its head office in Hong Kong, Tiancheng International also has branch offices in Shanghai and Taiwan.

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